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Filed: December 21, 1999)
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
METHOD FOR)
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4) concurrently with the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Applicants attach a copy of the listed document, and respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate it was considered by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

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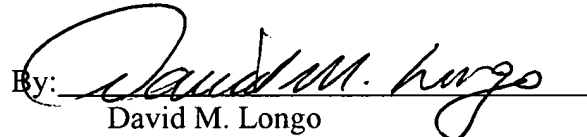
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